of various States who had contributed these seats. On a petition before the Supreme Court, the Honourable Court has directed vide their order dated 12th August, 1988 that in respect of the vacant seats (surrendered) available as on and from the 12th August, 1988, the admission shall be made on the basis of a combined merit list of the students who appeared for selection against the 25 per cent seats on All India Entrance Examination basis and those who have applied for admission against the remaining 75 per cent seats. All the State Governments, Principals|Deans of the Medical Colleges have been informed of the Supreme Court decision and advised to carry out the orders of the Honourable Court.

Incidence of water borne diseases

4168. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of water borne diseases, such as Gastro-enteritis, Cholera, Hepatitis and Polio is increasing at an alarming rate in Delhi and rest of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent Hepatitis and Polio epidemics; and

(c) the plan of action to contain the threat, posed by water borne diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) According to the reports received from State|Union Territory Governments, there is increase in the incidence of Polio and other water borne diseases during 1988 as compared to 1987 in some States UTs as under:—

Disease	States/UTs in which increase in incidence noticed
Polio	J & K, Madhya Pradesh
Gastro-enteritis	Gujarat, Kerala Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Cholera	Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh and Delhi
Viral Hepatitis	Uttar Pradesh

(b) There is no effective vaccine available for infectious Hepatitis type-A, Non-A, Non-B. However, gamma-globulin is effective to control it to some extent, which has been recommended for use in high risk groups such as expectant mothers in the worst affected areas. As regards Polio epidemic, as a precautionery measure, an additional dose or Polio vaccine is being administered in the affected areas to children below 5 years of age to contain the outbreak.

(c) The steps being taken to prevent the outbreak of these diseases include surveillance and monitoring, supply of safe drinking water sources, safe disposal of human excreta garbage, refuse etc. improvement of personal hygiene, promotion of ORT in case of dehydration due to diarrhoeal diseases, immunization of infants under Universal Immunisation Programme against Polio, anti-cholera innoculations in the affected areas and making provision in all health care facilities to treat cases of these diseases considering the causative organism involved, and strengthening of health education measures.

Under the Water Decade Programme, it has been emphasised to provide 90 per cent Urban Water Supply and 50 per cent Urban Sanitation. As regards the

water supply in rural areas, all problem villages in rural areas will be provided safe water supply by the end of 1990. The rural population has been encouraged to construct low cost sanitary toilets for safe disposal of human excreta.

Discrimination and raw treatment to air hostesses

4169. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines air hostesses Association, have complained of discrimination and raw treatment meted out to them in the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether there is no uniformity in rules governing the service conditions of air hostesses of IA and AI and those belonging to airlines in other countries; and

(c) if not the steps to be taken by Govt. to remove disparity in service condition in case of Indian air hostesses and equality with the male members of the crew?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received regarding alleged discrimination against Air hostesses.

(b) and (c) Whereas Service Regulations pertaining to age of retirement, etc. of air hostesses of Air India and Indian Airlines are almost identical, service conditions of air hostesses of Air India and Indian Airlines and those belonging to airlines in other countries may differ. Courts have been moved on the question of discrimination, etc. and the Government has acted in accordance with the decision|judgements of the Courts. In so far as equality of air hostesses with the male members of the crew is concerned, air-hostesses constitute a separate category quite distance from male cabin crew and the service conditions of the two categories are also different.

Vayudoot flights in North Eastern States

4170. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Vayudoot flights in North-Eastern States, their days of operations, types of aircrafts used, State-wise;

(b) the details of flights cancelled sector-wise and month-wise during the last three years and reasons therefor flight-wise;

(c) the details of commercial facilities and infrastructure built by Vayudoot at various airports in North-Eastern States, airport-wise, for maintenance and smooth operation in these States;

(d) whether it is a fact that change of type of aircrafts on certain sectors and combinations of such sectors operated by a single aircraft is being frequently done; if so, the reasons thereon; and

(e) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard and for further development of Vayudoot services in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The details of existing Vayudoot operations in the North-Eastren region are given in the attached statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of the flight cancelled during the period from August, 1987 to July, 1988 are given in the attached statement-II. (*See* below).

(c) Vayudoot has either provided booking offices or appointed sales handling agents at North-East stations. For passenger transportation between city and airport, where airports are located at long distances, Vayudoot has given transport subsidy to bus operators.

(d) No. Sir. Clubbing of flights and change of aircraft type is resorted to when there is no alternative available.

(e) Vayudoot is in the process of acquiring additional aircraft capacity to obviate delays/cancellations due to non-availability of aircraft.